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Please find attached my objection to the above Development Application.

Kind regards,

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The Planning Department
Northern Beaches Council

RE; DA2020/0552 – 181 Allambie Road, Allambie Heights NSW 2100

I wish to object in the strongest possible terms to the above DA for the following reasons:-

Crown Land and Zoning Limits

The above application seeks to appropriate Crown land for private benefit to construct 'Over 55s Luxury units which are completely at odds with the existing accommodation for disadvantaged seniors provided through a previous lessee - the Benevolent Society. These apartments do not meet 'permitted use' listings in this low density R2 Zone. They are also at odds with the provisions of the Local Environment Plan.

War Memorial Park and Heritage Conservation Area

The proposed development would remove a substantial vegetative buffer on the edge of the War Memorial Park which currently provides natural prevention of land degradation. Manly Dam Reserve is the only war memorial in Australia created by conserving natural bushland and both Council and State and Federal governments should take pride in ensuring the Park in its entirety is protected from any encroachments for future generations. As well, the unique nature of this Living War Memorial should be listed on the National Heritage Register.

Bushfire Prone Land

The Rural Fires Act specifically discourages locating Special Fire Purpose Developments within bushfire prone land. The proposed development is on bushfire prone land. That is not suitable for seniors housing and the NSW bushfires in 2019 and earlier this year illustrate the point with devastating clarity.

Loss of Flora and Fauna

The NSW government has demonstrated repeatedly it has no interest in the retention of mature trees and the Applicant is taking advantage of the current political/economic climate to try again to get this development approved. It was unacceptable before and it is unacceptable now. The planned removal of vegetation including 85 of the existing 107 trees will ensure loss of habitat and movement corridors for the currently rich diversity of fauna species. The potential loss of breeding habitat cannot be adequately compensated for through Bio-banking credits. Nor can there be a 'look elsewhere' solution for the Climbing Galaxias fish of Curl Curl creek feeding into Manly Dam and Lagoon for which the subject site is a watershed. This is the only population in Sydney.

This Application is opportunistic and threatens irreparable damage to an important natural area of great significance for the State of New South Wales. Decisions must be made for current and future residents and the benefits of rejecting this Application are critical.

Yours sincerely

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